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## Council Honors Lou Goodreau for 45-Year Career on Staff

The New England Fishery Management Council opened the first day of its [April 12-14, 2022](#) hybrid meeting in Mystic, CT by paying tribute to Lou Goodreau, an economist and information technology specialist who is retiring in May following a dedicated 45-year career on the Council's staff.

Lou joined the staff on March 28, 1977, the year the Council was formed by the 1976 passage of what's now called the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). He is the third longest-serving staff member among the nation's eight regional fishery management councils.

Lou worked under four executive directors and two acting executive directors. He saw the Council through an era of astonishing technology advancements, progressing from typewriters, punch cards, and Wang computers to the current state-of-the-art equipment and data storage systems that are now the norm in Council operations. He worked on almost every one of the Council's fishery management plans and contributed to the economic analyses for the Council's first groundfish, herring, and scallop plans. He was the first chair of the Scallop Plan Development Team during the successful implementation of limited access, effort controls, and vessel monitoring systems in the scallop fishery, which resulted in stock rebuilding and economic stability.

While paying tribute to Lou, Council Chair Eric Reid said, "The Council's successes are due in no small part to the dedication and skill of the supporting staff. You have been an anchor of our staff from its inception, and you've remained committed to the MSA's founding principles of science, transparency, and inclusionary engagement. Few can match the history and experiences you have seen over your remarkable career."

Lou thanked the Council for the recognition and closed by saying, "I respect you, the Council members, most for your courageous decision-making in the past and in the future. Your staff is one of the best I've ever seen, and I've seen them all."



*Lou Goodreau, center, flanked by Council Executive Director Tom Nies, left, and Council Chair Eric Reid, right. – New England Council photo*